

City Vision Statement

Durham will be North Carolina's leading City in providing an excellent and sustainable quality of life.

City Mission Statement

The City of Durham is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our community by delivering cost-effective, highly responsive services with integrity and friendliness.

Council Goals

- To improve the quality of life by reducing the incidence of crime.
- To improve the quality of life by addressing the root causes of crime.
- To improve the quality of life by ensuring the availability of, and access to, adequate, safe, and affordable housing for every resident.
- To provide economic development activities that will reduce poverty by increasing citizen access to high quality jobs while increasing the City's tax base.
- To improve the livability of the City by managing the City's growth, protecting and preserving the environment, and maximizing the efficient use of public infrastructure.
- To improve the City's image by preserving and enhancing the community's aesthetic beauty and natural assets and by building upon the rich and diverse cultural heritage of the community.
- To maximize the efficient and effective management of and accountability for the City's financial resources.

“About the Cover”

The budget cover highlights just a few of the beautiful flowers surrounding City Hall. They are planted and maintained by the Landscape Division within the City's General Services department. They are an extraordinary addition to City Hall's landscape. The plants location surrounding City Hall include the Atrium, the Arboretum and the Rotarian Park. Replanting generally occurs bi-annually, during the spring and the fall. The photographs are provided by Dennis Doty, planner City/County Planning department.

